Mission Statement
The mission of the Guam Election Commission is to ensure that elections are conducted in accordance with Guam and Federal laws, to administer an efficient voting process, to maintain an accurate voter registration database, and to promote voter education.

Goals and Objectives
The goals and objectives of the Guam Election Commission are:
• to provide the citizens of Guam a fair, honest, and orderly election process;
• to ensure complete election returns of issues/questions and public offices.

Administrative responsibilities include the recruitment of District and Volunteer Registrars, Precinct Officials, Poll Maintenance Workers and Ballot Operators/Tabulators. This process includes advising “officials” of the Public Officials Financial Disclosure Act and candidate’s requirement to file election Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Report.

Guam Election Commission (GEC)
GEC is an autonomous and an independent commission of the government of Guam. The Commission is made up of seven members, all of whom are registered voters of Guam. I Maga’låhen Guåhan (Governor of Guam) appoints six members, three from each political party through recommendations made by the Democrat and Republican parties. The seventh member is selected and appointed by the six members. Members serve a two-year term.

The Guam Election Commission’s administrative arm rests with the Executive Director, John Blas, who serves at the pleasure of the Commission. Including the Executive Director, GEC’s full-time staff consists of six employees. Precinct Officials and temporary employees are hired to work the elections. Guam has nineteen voting districts and fifty-eight precincts within the districts.

Demographic Information

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<th>2010</th>
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<tr>
<td>Registered voters</td>
<td>50,033</td>
<td>48,424</td>
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<td>Total voted</td>
<td>29,135</td>
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<td>% Voted</td>
<td>58%</td>
<td>43%</td>
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<td>Failed to vote</td>
<td>20,898</td>
<td>27,476</td>
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<td>% Failed to vote</td>
<td>42%</td>
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2010 Primary and Special Election Results

Guam voters are eager to cast ballots.

Local patriot casts his ballot early at the Guam Election Commission Office.

Guam Election Commission Acting Chairperson reviews ballots into the early morning hours.

2010 Special Election

Senatorial Candidates | Votes
---|---
Ada, V. Anthony (R)* | 3,358
Thomas-Nededog Sarah (D) | 1,503
Sarmiento, William Q. (R) | 749
Benavente, Martin C. (D) | 704
Aguon, Roque A. Jr. (D) | 688
De Oro, Arthur A. (D) | 535
Write-in | 68

*V. Anthony Ada was elected in a special election held on March 20, 2010. Senator Ada was sworn in on March 22, 2010 to the Mina’trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan taking the seat vacated by Senator Matt Rector who resigned in February 2010.

2010 Special Election Voters

Registered voters | 45,893
Total voted | 7,666
% Voted | 17%
Failed to vote | 38,227
% Failed to vote | 83%

2010 Special Election Results

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<tr>
<th>Gubernatorial (Democrat)</th>
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<td>Gutierrez, Carl T.C./Aguon Jr., Frank Blas</td>
<td>8,140</td>
<td>Calvo, Edward J.B./Tenorio, Raymond S.</td>
<td>9,221</td>
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<td>Cruz, Michael W., M.D. /Espaldon, James V.</td>
<td>6,459</td>
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<td>Write-in</td>
<td>86</td>
<td>Write-in</td>
<td>7</td>
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Delegates to the U.S. House of Representative (Democrat) | Votes
---|---
Bordallo, Madeleine Z. | 7,633

Delegate to the U.S. House of Representative (Republican) | Votes
---|---
Bordallo, Madeleine Z. | 5,284

Delegate to the U.S. House of Representative (Non-Partisan) | Votes
---|---
Rapadas, Leonardo M. | 15,121

Delegate to the U.S. House of Representative (Non-Partisan) | Votes
---|---
Gumataotao, Gary W.F. | 8,913
Bischoff, William C. | 3,124

*Designates Incumbent

Source: Office of the Guam Election Commission
Guam Election Commission’s Finances

Fiscal Year 2010 Appropriations

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<td>39,875</td>
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<td>51,111</td>
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<td>Contracts</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>645</td>
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<td>Travel</td>
<td>420,644</td>
<td>368,813</td>
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<td>Rent</td>
<td>100,119</td>
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<td>Supplies</td>
<td>5,102</td>
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<td>Equipment</td>
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<td>454</td>
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<td>38</td>
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<td>100.0%</td>
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<td>2,400</td>
<td>4,500</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$806,163</strong></td>
<td><strong>$952,413</strong></td>
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Source: Guam Election Commission

Fiscal Year 2010 Expenditures

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<td>381,592</td>
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<td>84,339</td>
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<td>1,151</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$751,329</strong></td>
<td><strong>$844,312</strong></td>
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Significant Changes for FY 2010

- In FY 2010, total appropriation decreased by 15.36% from FY 2009, which was primarily driven by GEC securing a leasehold contract term for its office with GCIC. In FY 2009, GEC was under a month-to-month basis evidenced by the 2010 building rent expense decrease by 69.81% from 2009.

- Appropriation for contracts increased by 14.05% in anticipation of the hiring of 2010 primary election precinct officials and procuring legal services from Cabot Mantanona LLP for pending litigations.

- In FY2010, total expenditures decreased by 12.39% from FY2009, which was primarily driven by the decrease in building rent expense.

- The increase in overtime salaries was due to the primary and special elections held on March and September 2010.

GEC is part of the GovGuam audit. GovGuam received an unqualified (clean) opinion. The Office of Public Accountability released the GovGuam audit on July 1, 2011. For more information, please visit [http://gec.guam.gov](http://gec.guam.gov). 3
Future Outlook and Challenges

Looking Forward

The GEC is currently working on getting the Centralized Voter Registration System (CVRS) operating. With the CVRS system, the GEC will be able to provide a higher quality of service to our voters, as well as increase our efficiency in processing registrations and applications.

In addition to the regular elections, the GEC is also expected to prepare for a political status plebiscite – a very significant event that may affect the international relations and foreign policies of the United States, and Guam regional partners.

Challenges

- Overseeing and managing the implementation of the new CVRS system as it is a new technology.
- Preparing for the 2011 General Election and 2012 Primary and General Elections ensuring that elections are conducted in a fair, efficient, and unbiased manner.
- Managing and ensuring that the political status plebiscite projected for 2014 is fair and transparent.
- Determining how the impending military build-up will affect the GEC’s operations.
- Determining how to maintain fair and transparent elections within Guam’s dynamic social and political environment.

2010 General Election
Tuesday, November 2, 2010
Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Primary Election
Saturday, September 1, 2012
Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

General Election
Tuesday, November 6, 2012
Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Offices Up for Election
- Non-Voting Delegate to the House of Representatives
- I Mina’trentai dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan (15 Seats)
- Mayors (19 villages) and Vice-Mayors (7 villages)
- Public Auditor
- Consolidated Commission on Utilities (2 Seats)
- Guam Education Board (at large) (6 Seats)

We want to hear from you! Did you like this report? Is there information you would like to see? Please contact the Executive Director at: (671)-477-9791 or director@gec.guam.gov.

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